

Amendments to the Claims

Please add new claims 27-29 as indicated below. All claims are listed below, with new claims so marked. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1 1. (Previously Presented) A method of using an electronic shopping cart
2 to facilitate defining a distribution package, comprising:
3 connecting to an online distribution server;
4 receiving a list of goods available for electronic and/or physical distribution to a
5 client;
6 selecting goods from the list;
7 adding said selected goods to an electronic shopping cart;
8 requesting creation of a distribution package according to contents of electronic
9 shopping cart; and
10 assigning access restrictions for the distribution package, said restrictions
11 controlling access by the client to the distribution package.

12 2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
13 sending a client identifier to the online distribution server;
14 wherein said list has contents constrained according to access privileges
15 associated with the client identifier.

16 3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the access privileges
17 associated with the client identifier are stored on the online distribution server.

1 4. (Original) The method of claim 2, further comprising:
2 storing said access privileges within the client identifier;
3 wherein said access privileges are signed with a public key of the online
4 distribution server.


5 5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the goods comprise physical
6 goods, electronic goods, or services.

7 6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein a first grouping of the goods
8 is available electronically, and a second grouping of the goods is unavailable
9 electronically but is available through physical shipping to a client.

10 7. (Previously Presented) A machine-accessible medium having
11 instructions encoded thereon for using an electronic shopping cart to facilitate defining a
12 distribution package, said instructions, when accessed, capable of directing a machine
13 to:

14 connect to an online distribution server;
15 receive a list of goods available for electronic and physical distribution to a client;
16 select goods from the list;
17 add said selected goods to an electronic shopping cart;
18 request creation of a distribution package according to contents of electronic
19 shopping cart; and
20 assign access restrictions for the distribution package, said restrictions
21 controlling access by the client to the distribution package.

1 8. (Previously Presented) The medium of claim 7, said instructions
2 including further instructions to direct the machine to:
3 send a client identifier to the online distribution server;
4 wherein said list has contents constrained according to access privileges
5 associated with the client identifier.



6 9. (Original) The medium of claim 8, wherein the access privileges
7 associated with the client identifier are stored on the online distribution server.

8 10. (Previously Presented) The medium of claim 8, said instructions
9 including further instructions to direct the machine to:
10 store said access privileges within the client identifier;
11 wherein said access privileges are signed with a public key of the online
12 distribution server.

13 11. (Original) The medium of claim 7, wherein the goods comprise
14 physical goods, electronic goods, or services.

15 12. (Original) The medium of claim 11, wherein a first grouping of the
16 goods is available electronically, and a second grouping of the goods is unavailable
17 electronically but is available through physical shipping to a client.

18 13. (Previously Presented) A method of using an electronic shopping cart
19 to facilitate defining a distribution package, comprising:
20 receiving a connection from a manager-client by an online distribution server;

1 determining a client identifier;
2 sending a list of goods to the manager-client based at least in part on the client
3 identifier;
4 receiving a selection of goods from the list;
5 adding said selected goods to a client-side electronic shopping cart;
6 receiving a creation request for a distribution package;
7 creating the distribution package from the contents of the client-side electronic
8 shopping cart; and
9 assigning access restrictions for the distribution package, said restrictions
10 controlling access by user-clients to the distribution package.

11 14. (Original) The method of claim 13, further comprising:
12 determining client access rights associated with the client identifier; and
13 restricting the list of goods according to said client access rights.

14 15. (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein the access privileges
15 associated with the client identifier are stored in a second memory of the online
16 distribution server.

17 16. (Original) The method of claim 14, further comprising:
18 storing said access privileges within a client memory storage;
19 wherein said access privileges are signed with a public key of the online
20 distribution server so as to prevent tampering of said access privileges by the client.

1 17. (Previously Presented) A machine-accessible medium having
2 instructions encoded thereon for using an electronic shopping cart to facilitate defining a
3 distribution package, said instructions, when accessed, capable of directing a machine
4 to:

5 receive a connection from a manager-client by an online distribution server;
6 determine a client identifier;
7 send a list of goods to the manager-client based at least in part on the client
8 identifier;


9 receive a selection of goods from the list;
10 add said selected goods to a client-side electronic shopping cart;
11 receive a creation request for a distribution package;
12 create the distribution package from the contents of the client-side electronic
13 shopping cart; and
14 assign access restrictions for the distribution package, said restrictions
15 controlling access by user-clients to the distribution package.

16 18. (Previously Presented) The medium of claim 17, said instructions
17 including further instructions to direct the machine to:

18 determine client access rights associated with the client identifier; and
19 restrict the list of goods according to said client access rights.

20 19. (Original) The medium of claim 18, wherein the access privileges
21 associated with the client identifier are stored in a second memory of the online
22 distribution server.

1 20. (Previously Presented) The medium of claim 18, said instructions
2 including further instructions to direct the machine to:
3 store said access privileges within a client memory storage;
4 wherein said access privileges are signed with a public key of the online
5 distribution server so as to prevent tampering of said access privileges by the client.



6 21. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the list of goods comprises
7 goods available from at least two different sources communicatively coupled with the
8 online distribution server.

9 22. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the distribution package has
10 at least one portion having a security requirement restricting access to the portion to
11 clients meeting the security requirement.

12 23. (Original) The method of claim 13, further comprising:
13 validating the selection of goods based at least in part on the client identifier.

14 24. (Original) The medium of claim 17, said instructions to create the
15 distribution contents further comprising instructions capable of directing the machine to:
16 validate the selection of goods based at least in part on the client identifier.

17 25. (Original) A method of using an electronic shopping cart to facilitate
18 defining a distribution package, comprising:
19 receiving a connection from a manager-client;
20 determining an identifier for the manager-client;

1 assembling, based at least in part on the identifier, a list of goods available for
2 electronic and/or physical distribution to a user-client;
3 receiving a selection of a good from the list;
4 adding said selected good to an electronic shopping cart of the manager-client;
5 receiving a request for creation of a distribution package determined based at
6 least in part on the contents of the electronic shopping cart.

7 26. (Original) The method of claim 25, wherein the list of goods comprises
8 goods from at least two different sources.

9 ^{27a} 27. (New) A method comprising:
10 a client connecting to a distribution server having associated packages, each
11 package identifying selected ones of electronic and physical goods and updates thereto,
12 and each package having an associated access control set by a creator of the package;
13 receiving a list of goods identifying at least one good available by electronic
14 distribution;
15 selecting the good available for electronic distribution;
16 determining the good is currently installed on the client;
17 determining an update to the good is available from the distribution server; and
18 updating said installed good with the update.

19 ³⁰ 28. (New) The method of claim ²⁹ 27, further comprising:
20 responsive to determining the update, automatically performing the updating said
21 installed good.

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29. (New) The method of claim ²⁹~~27~~, in which the creator has a relation to the
client, the method further comprising:
determining an operator of the client;
wherein the relation includes the creator being a superior of the client.
